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2 Suwan Chontong (Estate)

Case No. 13CEPR00232

Atty Jaech, Jeffrey A. (for Sumanus Anthony Chontong – Administrator – Petitioner)

(1) First and Final Report of Personal Representative, (2) Petition for Final Distribution and (3) Allowance of Attorneys' Fees on Waiver of Accounting [Prob. C. 12200]

	D. 4 00 10	CHARABILIC ANTHONIV CHONTONIC C	THEFTO (DRODUENIC (CONTACTOR
סם	D: 4-28-12	SUMANUS ANTHONY CHONTONG, Son and Administrator with Full IAEA without bond,	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		is Petitioner.	
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		Accounting is waived.	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	== I&A: \$175,834.65	
~	Verified	POH: \$163,111.57 (\$25,065.59 is cash)	
~	Inventory	Administrator (Statutory): Waived	
>	PTC	Administrator (statotory). Walved	
>	Not.Cred.	Attorney (Statutory): Pursuant to	
~	Notice of	agreement, attorney fees will be paid on	
	Hrg	agreed hourly rates, not to exceed	
~	Aff.Mail	statutory sum of \$6,275.04.	
	Aff.Pub.	Costs: \$460.50 (filing, certified letters)	
	Sp.Ntc.	Costs: \$400.30 (tilling, certified terrers)	
	Pers.Serv.	Distribution pursuant to intestate	
	Conf.	succession:	
	Screen		
~	Letters	Sumanus Anthony Chontong: Entire estate	
	Duties/Supp		
	Objections		
	Video		
<u> </u>	Receipt	=	
<u> </u>	CI Report		
<u> </u>	9202		
-	Order	_	
	Aff. Posting	_	Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt	_	Reviewed on: 10-24-13
	UCCJEA	_	Updates:
	Citation	<u> </u>	Recommendation: SUBMITTED
Ľ	FTB Notice		File 2 – Chontong

5 Atty Christopher Rodriguez (GUARD/E) Case N Allard-Bernhardt, Victoria R. (for Cecilia Rodriguez – mother/Petitioner) Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Estate (Prob. C. 1510)

Age: 6		NO TEMPORARY REQUESTED	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
Co	nt. from 091213, 2513 Aff.Sub.Wit. Verified Inventory PTC Not.Cred. Notice of Hrg Aff.Mail × Aff.Pub.	CECILIA RODRIGUEZ, mother, is Petitioner. Father: CHRYSTIAN RODRIGUEZ – deceased Mother: CECILIA RODRIGUEZ Paternal grandfather: MARTIN RODRIGUEZ Paternal grandmother: LORENA RODRIGUEZ Maternal grandfather: ROBERTO ALTAMIRANO Maternal grandmother: TERECITA TOMAS	1. Need proof of service by mail at least 15 days before the hearing of Notice of Hearing with a copy of the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Estate or Consent & Waiver of Notice or Declaration of Due Diligence for: - Martin Rodriguez (paternal grandfather) - Lorena Rodriguez (paternal grandmother) - Roberto Altamirano (maternal grandfather) - Terecita Tomas (maternal grandmother) Note: Proof of service attached to Notice of Hearing filed 10/15/13 is not complete. It is not signed, nor does it
✓ ✓	Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen Letters Duties/Supp Objections Video Receipt	Petitioner states the minor's father was killed in a car accident on 11/20/12. The minor is entitled to death benefits in the amount of \$40,000.00. The insurance company will not release the money until it receives an order appointing the guardian of the estate of the minor beneficiary.	indicate a date of mailing or if mailing was completed. 2. The Petition was filed with a Fee Waiver, the Court filing fees will be due to the court when insurance proceeds are received. Note: If the Petition is granted, status hearings will be set as follows: Friday, 12/06/13 at 9:00 am in
√	CI Report 9202 Order	Estimated Value of the Estate: Personal property - \$40,000.00	 Dept. 303 for Receipts of Blocked Account; Friday, 03/28/14 at 9:00 am in Dept. 303 for filing of the Inventory & Appraisal; Friday, 12/12/14 at 9:00 am in Dept. 303 for filing of the First Account and Report of Guardian
✓ ————————————————————————————————————	Aff. Posting Status Rpt UCCJEA Citation FTB Notice		Reviewed by: JF Reviewed on: 10/24/13 Updates: Recommendation: File 5 – Rodriguez

6 Marion Weller (CONS/P)

Case No. 13CEPR00712

Atty Kharazi, H. Ty (for Conservator Tom Collins)

Atty Rindlisbacher, Curtis D. (Petitioner/court appointed attorney for conservatee)

Petition for Attorney Fees [Prob. C. 1471, 1472]

Ag	e:		CURTIS D. RIDLISBACHER, petitioner was	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			Court appointed to represent the Conservatee on 8/19/13.	
			Conservatee on 8/19/13.	Note: Fee request includes 1.5
<u></u>	nt franc		TOM COLLINS was appointed	hours (\$465.00) in anticipated
Co	nt. from		Conservator of the Person on 9/18/13.	time to attend the hearing.
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Petitioner requests fees in connection	
✓	Verified		with the representation of the	
	Inventory		Conservatee for Tom Collins' petition to	
	PTC		appoint a conservator.	
	Not.Cred.		Petitioner asks that he be paid from the	
✓	Notice of		conservatorship estate for 12.30 hours @	
	Hrg		\$310.00 per hour of attorney time and 1	
✓	Aff.Mail	W/O	hour at \$100.00 per hour for paralegal	
	Aff.Pub.		time for a total of \$3,913.00 and costs of \$435.00 for the filing fee.	
	Sp.Ntc.			
	Pers.Serv.		Services are itemized by date and	
	Conf.		include review of documents, visits with client, and court appearances.	
	Screen		client, and court appearances.	
	Letters		Petitioner requests payment of the	
	Duties/Supp		attorney fees be ordered paid from the	
	Objections		living Trust for Marion Weller. Petitioner is	
	Video		informed and believes that Marion Weller has the ability to pay the attorney fees	
	Receipt		requested. Tom Collins is serving as	
	CI Report		Trustee of Marion Wellers revocable trust	
	9202		and his petition for appointment as	
✓	Order		conservator alleges that she has assets	
	Aff. Posting		sufficient to allow payment by Marion	Reviewed by: KT
	Status Rpt		Weller.	Reviewed on: 10/24/13
	UCCJEA		Petitioner further requests that he be	Updates:
	Citation		relieved as counsel for the conservatee.	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 6 – Weller

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Atty Atty

Case No. 13CEPR00817

George S. Adanalian Revocable Trust

Krbechek, Randolf (for Sherrie Urner – Petitioner)

Pacella, Louis (of Calabasas, CA, for John D. Adanalian – Respondent / Objector)

Verified Petition for Order Concerning the Internal Affairs of Trust

George S. Adanalian	SHERRIE URNER is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/
DOD: 4-15-13	Petitioner states George S. Adanalian created the	COMMENTS:
	Trust on 10-5-93 and amended twice on	
	5-2-10 and 9-17-10. George S. Adanalian died on 4-	
	15-13 and the Trust became irrevocable. He was	
	not married at the time of his death and was not	
Aff.Sub.Wit.		
All.30D.Wil.	survived by any children, grandchildren, or issue. The First Amendment provides that Petitioner is the	
Verified	beneficiary of 100% of all remaining principal and	
Inventory	undistributed income of the trust. The Second	
PTC	Amendment provides that Petitioner shall serve as	
Not.Cred.	Successor Trustee. Both amendments were drafted	
Notice of	by Attorney Teresa B. Petty.	
Hrg		
	Petitioner states she is the Successor Trustee	
Aff.Mail	pursuant to the Second Amendment; however,	
Aff.Pub.	contrary to such provision, Attorney Louis Pacella	
Sp.Ntc.	mailed a "60-Day Notice to Vacate Premises"	
Pers.Serv.	dated 6-28-13 to Petitioner in which the attorney	
Conf.	stated that he represents Successor Trustee John D.	
Screen	Adanalian. The notice informed Petitioner that the	
Letters	residence in which she lives (Squaw Valley, CA) is	
Duties/Supp	owned by the trust and she will be required to quit	
Objections	and surrender possession of the premises to	
Video	Respondent as landlord. Letter attached as Exhibit	
Receipt	C.	
CI Report	Petitioner states the principal place of	
9202	administration is in Fresno County and that pursuant	
Order	to the First and Second Amendments, she is the	
Aff. Posting	beneficiary of the Trust estate, including the	Reviewed by: skc
	residence identified in the letter, and Successor	•
Status Rpt	Trustee.	Reviewed on: 10-24-13
UCCJEA	Petitioner prays for relief as follows:	Updates:
Citation	1. Confirming Petitioner as sole successor trustee;	Recommendation:
FTB Notice	2. Confirming that Petitioner has all powers as	File 7 – Adanalian
	successor trustee;	
	3. Determining that Petitioner is the beneficiary of	
	the trust;	
	4. Compelling Teresa B. Petty, Esq., and/or John D.	
	Adanalian to provide Petitioner with a complete	
	copy of the trust;	
	5. Restraining John D. Adanalian from exercising	
	any powers or privieges as successor trustee;	
	6. Compelling John D. Adanalian to account for	
	any trust assets collected or received by him;	
	7. Restraining John D. Adanalian from taking	
	action to remove Petitioner from the real	
	property in Squaw Valley; and	
	8. For such other and further relief as the Court	
	may deem just, equitable, and proper.	
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Opposition to Verified Petition for Order Concerning Internal Affairs of Trust; and Request for Sanctions and Dismissal filed 10-17-13 by John D. Adanalian states Petitioner is neither the named successor trustee, beneficiary or heir of the settlor pursuant to the last of three (3) separate and valid amendments, a fact that Petitioner was well aware of at the time of her verification of the petition.

Petitioner's undertaking herein is tactical in nature, designed only to delay an eviction from a residence owned by the trust from which she has been given lawful notice to vacate.

Respondent requests the Court deny and dismiss this petition. Alternatively, Respondent requests the Court grant his relief sought along with sanctions against Petitioner for verifying a petition she knew to be false.

Respondent states the Settlor executed a Third Amendment to the trust on 8-22-11 (attached as Exhibit D) which names Respondent as successor trustee and does not include Petitioner as a beneficiary. The Third Amendment divides the trust estate 20% each to John David Adanalian, Simon George Adanalian, Monica Dione Crapo, Matthew Joseph Adanalian, and Randy Alan Shirinian. Petitioner is not an heir and the petition should be dismissed pursuant to Probate Code § 17202.

Respondent states Petitioner and Settlor were not husband and wife, nor were they living together in any domestic capacity. Petitioner is not an heir or blood relative of the Settlor. Petitioner is neither a successor trustee nor beneficiary of the trust. Consequently, Petitioner has no rights pursuant to the Trust and the petition should be dismissed.

Respondent further states Petitioner had knowledge of the Third Amendment prior to her verification of the Petition and sanctions are appropriately awarded to Respondent, with reference to Probate Code § 17206.

Respondent states Petitioner was previously represented by Central California Legal Services and by Attorney Bill Keeler, who were aware of the Third Amendment. In a letter from CCLS on 8-29-13, Petitioner requested additional time to remain in the residence. Attorney Keeler contacted Attorney Petty on 9-9-13 and inquired whether there was a Third Amendment, which he was provided with.

Mr. Keeler stated he was unaware that Petitioner was now represented by Attorney Krbechek and had filed the instant petition.

Respondent states that despite her claim to be the sole successor trustee, she has taken no action to administer the trust in accordance with law; specifically, no efforts to file the will, gather and account for trust assets, send notice to heirs, or re-title assets in her own name. Petitioner took absolutely no action until she received a 60 day notice of termination of her tenancy. Petitioner's inaction combined with the filing of this petition only after receiving notice demonstrate that this proceeding is a tactical farce designed only to delay her eviction.

Respondent states he has incurred legal fees and costs as a result of Petitioner's knowingly false verified petition in the amount of \$3,150 and filing costs of \$435. Respondent respectfully asks the Court for an award of sanctions in the amount of \$3,585 against Petitioner due to her false Verified Petition.

Respondent requests the Court Deny and Dismiss the Petition and award sanctions against Petitioner of \$3.585.

Alternatively, Respondent requests an order confirming that the Trust, along with the First, Second, and Third Amendments are valid; confirming that John D. Adanalian is the Successor Trustee of the Trust with all rights, powers and privileges thereunder; confirming that the sole beneficiaries of the Trust are John D. Adanalian, Simon George Adanalian, Monica Diane Crapo, Matthew Joseph Adanalian, and Randy Alan Shirinian; and for such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

Paul Vaughn (Estate)

Case No. 13CEPR00826

Atty Mele, James J. (for Petitioner Paula Vaughn)

Petition for Letters of Administration; Authorization to Administer Under IAEA (Prob. C. 8002, 10450)

DC	D: 4/6/1991	PAULA VAUGHN, daughter, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		petitioner and requests	
		appointment as Administrator	Need waiver of bond from DeAndre
		without bond.	Vaughn, bond set at \$88,000.00 or
	nt. from	1	limited IAEA authority.
		Full IAEA - not published for	2. Need Notice of Petition to Administer
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	Decedent died intertate	Estate with proof of service on
✓	Verified	Decedent died intestate.	DeAndre Vaughn (<u>Note:</u> A Notice of Hearing was filed, however Probate
	Inventory	Residence: Riverdale	Code §8100 requires the Notice of
	PTC	Publication: NEED	Petition to Administer the Estate be
	Not.Cred.		served on all interested parties.)
1	Notice of]	3. Need publication pursuant to
	Hrg	Estimated value of the estate:	Probate Code §8120. Affidavit of
	Aff.Mail X	Real property- \$88,000.00	Publication shows publication of the Notice of Hearing. Probate Code
	Aff.Pub. X		§8120 requires the Notice of Petition
	Sp.Ntc.		to Administer the Estate to be
	Pers.Serv.	Probate Referee: Steven Diebert	published.)
	Conf.		No. 1 of the contribution
	Screen		Note: If the petition is granted, status hearings will be set as follows:
1	Letters		
✓	Duties/Supp		Friday, December 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 303, for the filing of the band (if required)
	Objections		of the bond (if required).
	Video		• Friday, March 28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in
	Receipt		Department 303, for the filing of the
	CI Report		inventory and appraisal.
	9202		• Friday, January 30, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
✓	Order		in Department 303, for the filing of the first account or petition for final distribution.
			Pursuant to Local Rule 7.5 if the required documents are filed 10 days prior the date set the status hearing will come off calendar and no appearance will be required.
	Aff. Posting		Reviewed by: KT
	Status Rpt		Reviewed on: 10/24/13
	UCCJEA		Updates:
	Citation]	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		File 8 – Vaughn

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Atty Hemb, Richard E (for Petitioner Rebecca S. Zaninovich)

Petition Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary, Authorization to Administer

IAEA Authority (Prob. C. 8002, 10450)

DOD: 5/24/2013			REBECCA S. ZANINOVICH,	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			daughter/named alternate executor	
			without bond, is petitioner.	1. #8 of the petition does not list the
				name and address of the Trustee
<u> </u>	ont. from		Named Executor Juanita Leavitt is	of the Robert Leavitt and Juanita
	ī		deceased.	Leavitt Revocable Living Trust
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		FULLA DA CAL	Agreement.
✓	Verified		Full IAEA – o.k.	Need proof of service of the Notice of Petition to Administer
	Inventory		Will dated 4/14/1997	the Estate on the Trustee of the
	PTC		77.11 GGIOG 4/14/1///	Robert Leavitt and Juanita
	Not.Cred.		Residence: Fresno	Leavitt Revocable Living Trust
	Notice of		Publication: Fresno Business Journal	Agreement.
	Hrg			
	Aff.Mail	W/		Note: If the petition is granted, status
✓		'''	Estimated value of the estate:	hearings will be set as follows:
✓	Aff.Pub.		Personal property - \$238,545.00	e Friday March 20 2014 at 0:00
	Sp.Ntc.		Annual income - \$ 5,955.00 Total - \$244,500.00	• Friday, March 28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 303, for the
	Pers.Serv.		- 7£44,500.00	filing of the inventory and
	Conf.			appraisal.
	Screen		Probate Referee: Steven Diebert	
1	Letters			• Friday, January 30, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 303, for the
Ľ				filing of the first account or
✓	Duties/Supp			petition for final distribution.
	Objections			Pursuant to Local Rule 7.5 if the
	Video			required documents are filed 10
	Receipt			days prior the date set the status
	CI Report			hearing will come off calendar and
	9202			no appearance will be required.
✓	Order			
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: KT
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 10/24/13
	UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 10 – Leavitt

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Atty Kruthers, Heather H (for the Public Administrator/Successor Administrator) Status Hearing

	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR was appointed on the	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	court's own motion as Successor Administrator	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	on 7/31/13.	
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Comb from	JULIE FULCHER, ex-wife, was appointed as	
Cont. from	Administrator with Full IAEA without bond on	
Aff.Sub.Wit.	8/23/11. Ms. Fulcher was removed and the	
Verified	Public Administrator appointed on 7/31/13.	
Inventory	The intestate heirs are the Decedent's two	
PTC	children, one of whom is a minor.	
Not.Cred.		
Notice of	Status Report of the Public Administrator filed	
Hrg	on 10/17/13 states the Public Administrator has	
Aff.Mail	filed a reappraisal of the real property, and a	
Aff.Pub.	Notice of Proposed Action. The real property is	
Sp.Ntc.	currently going through escrow. The Public	
Pers.Serv.	Administrator may have to sell the property by	
Conf.	short sale due to the liens on the property.	
Screen		
Letters	The Public Administrator requests that the next	
Duties/Supp	status hearing be set no sooner than 90 days	
Objections	from the date of this hearing to allow time to	
Video	complete the sale of the property and any	
Receipt	other outstanding tasks regarding the	
CI Report	administration of the estate.	
9202		
Order		
Aff. Posting		Reviewed by: KT
Status Rpt		Reviewed on: 10/24/13
UCCJEA		Updates:
Citation		Recommendation:
FTB Notice		File 11 – Fulcher

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- Atty Jaech, Jeffrey A. (for Conservatee)
- Atty Amador, Catherine A. (for Michael H. Smith, Sr. son)
- Atty Kruthers, Heather H. (for Public Guardian Conservator)

Status Hearing Re: Filing of the Inventory and Appraisal

Age: 85	PUBLIC GUARDIAN was appointed Conservator	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	of the Person and Estate on 01/13/13.	
	Inventory 9 Approximal Doublet No. 1 filed	CONTINUED FROM 09/27/13
	Inventory & Appraisal, Partial No. 1 filed 05/14/13 - \$0.00	
	φο.οσ	1. Need Final Inventory &
Cont. from 061813,	Status Conference Statement filed 05/31/13 by	Appraisal <u>or</u> current written
081613, 092013,	Michael H. Smith, Sr. states: The parties are	status report pursuant to
092713	currently awaiting the completion of the	Local Rule 7.5, which
Aff.Sub.Wit.	Inventory & Appraisal by the Public Guardian.	states: In all matters set for
Verified	Declarant states that conservatee's grandson, Michael H. Smith, Jr. ("Butch") has failed to	status hearing, verified status reports must be filed
Inventory X	provide certain bank account records	no later than 10 days
PTC	required by the Public Guardian, despite his	before the hearing. Status
Not.Cred.	previous assurances to the Court that all such	Reports must comply with
Notice of	records would be provided promptly. Months	the applicable code
Hrg	have passed and these records are needed to	requirements. Notice of
Aff.Mail	determine the use of certain funds belonging to conservatee which were distributed to	the status hearing, together with a copy of
Aff.Pub.	Butch for the benefit of the conservatee. The	the Status Report shall be
Sp.Ntc.	Conservator's inability to obtain these records	served on all necessary
Pers.Serv.	is preventing them from completing the	parties.
Conf.	Inventory & Appraisal.	·
Screen		
Letters	Once the Inventory & Appraisal is complete,	
Duties/Supp	the parties need to collaborate to divide the	
Objections	community estate belonging to conservatee and his deceased wife, so that her portion of	
Video	the estate can be distributed according to her	
Receipt	estate plan. This work is also being delayed	
CI Report	due to the lack of cooperation demonstrated	
9202	by Butch.	
Order	Status Poport filed 00/04/12 status that dolars	
Aff. Posting	Status Report filed 09/26/13 states that delays have occurred due to problems gathering	Reviewed by: JF
Status Rpt	and sorting out data. The attorneys for the	Reviewed on: 10/24/13
UCCJEA	various parties have been working diligently to	Updates:
Citation	agree, develop and submit the necessary	Recommendation:
FTB Notice	information to the Conservator, but due to	File 12 – Smith
	some confusion as to "who was supposed to	
	do what" the completion of the Inventory has	
	been sporadic. It now appears that all parties understand who is responsible for what and	
	that the Inventory will be filed soon.	
<u> </u>	Dept. 303, 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, Octobe	r 20 2012

13 Dorothy Jean Smith (CONS/PE)

Case No. 12CEPR00452

Atty Kruthers, Heather (for Conservator of the Estate Public Guardian)
Status Hearing Re Inventory and Appraisal

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	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:		
		OFF CALENDAR. Inventory and appraisal has been filed.	
Cont. from			
Aff.Sub.Wit.			
Verified			
Inventory			
PTC			
Not.Cred.			
Notice of			
Hrg			
Aff.Mail			
Aff.Pub.			
Sp.Ntc.			
Pers.Serv.			
Conf.			
Screen			
Letters			
Duties/Supp			
Objections			
Video Receipt			
CI Report			
9202			
Order			
Aff. Posting		Reviewed by: KT	
Status Rpt		Reviewed on: 10/24/13	
UCCJEA		Updates:	
Citation		Recommendation:	
FTB Notice		File 13 – Smith	

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Olivia Garcia, Jesse Garcia & Irene Jimenez (GUARD/P) 14

Case No. 06CEPR01219

Pimentel, Olivia G. (pro per maternal grandmother/guardian) Atty Atty

Garcia, Frances (pro per Petitioner/mother)

Petition for Termination of Guardianship

Olivia age: 13			FRANCES GARCIA, mother, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			petitioner.	
	Jesse age: 12		Olivia Pimentel, maternal grandmother, was appointed	Need proof of service of the
	ne age: 10		guardian of Olivia Garcia and Jesse Garcia on 01/22/07, and as guardian	Notice of Hearing on: • Father(s)
Сс	ont. from		of Irene Jimenez on 9/7/11; personally served on 9/1/13	Paternal grandparentsMaternal grandfather
	Aff.Sub.Wit.			Malemai grandiamei
✓	Verified		Father – Not listed Paternal Grandfather –Not listed	
	Inventory		Datamal Crandonathar National	
<u> </u>	PTC		Paternal Grandmother - Not listed Maternal Grandfather – Not listed	
	Not.Cred.	<u> </u>	Material Oranaramer – Normstea	
✓	Notice of Hrg		<u></u>	
√	Aff.Mail	W/	Petitioner states that she is stable now,	
_		1 ' ' /	employed and am ready for her children to be returned to her care.	
	Aff.Pub.		children to be retorned to her care.	
	Sp.Ntc.		Court Investigator, Jennifer Young's	
	Pers.Serv.		Report filed 10/22/13.	
	Conf. Screen			
	Letters			
	Duties/Supp			
	Objections			
	Video			
	Receipt			
✓	CI Report			
	9202			
✓	Order			
	Aff. Posting	Ĺ		Reviewed by: KT
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 10/24/23
	UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 14 – Garcia & Jimenez

15 Maria Williams-Richardson and Xazavier Williams (GUARD/P)

Case No. 12CEPR00320

Atty Williams, Jasmine T. (pro per – mother/Petitioner) Petition for Termination of Guardianship

Xazavier, 14	JASMINE WILLIAMS, mother, is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
Cont from 100012	GENICE WHITTLE, paternal grandmother, was appointed guardian on 06/11/12. Father: DARRELL RICHARDSON	This Petition pertains to Xazavier only. Maria is now 18 years old. CONTINUED FROM 10/08/13 Minute Order from 10/08/13 states: Ms. Williams is appearing
Aff.Sub.Wit. ✓ Verified Inventory PTC Not.Cred. Notice of XHrg Aff.Mail X Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen Letters Duties/Supp Objections Video Receipt ✓ CI Report 9202 ✓ Order	Paternal grandfather: UNKNOWN Maternal grandfather: GEORGE WILLIAMS Maternal grandmother: DECEASED Petitioner requests that the guardianship be terminated so that Xazavier can have a stable, loving home with her where he won't run away or be picked on. Court Investigator Dina Calvillo filed a report on 10/02/13.	via CourtCall. Ms. Williams is informed that notice needs to be provided to the guardian. As of 10/24/13, nothing further has been filed and the following notes remain: 1. Need Notice of Hearing. 2. Need proof of service by mail at least 15 days before the hearing of Notice of Hearing with a copy of the Petition for Termination of Guardianship or Consent & Waiver of Notice or Declaration of Due Diligence for: - Genice Whittle (paternal grandmother) - Darrell Richardson (father) - Paternal grandfather (unknown) - George Williams (maternal grandfather) - Xazavier Williams (minor) - Maria Williams-Richardson (sibling) - Maurice Richardson (sibling)
Aff. Posting		Reviewed by: JF
Status Rpt		Reviewed on: 10/24/13
UCCJEA		Updates:
Citation		Recommendation:
FTB Notice		File 15 – Williams - Richardson
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Joe C Souza (Det Succ) 16 Case No. 13CEPR00684 Souza, Chester Michael (pro per – Petitioner) Atty Souza, Bobby Leroy (pro per – Petitioner) Atty Atty Ochinero, Virginia (pro per – Petitioner) Atty Souza, Carl Wayne (pro per – Petitioner) Atty Brown, Marilyn Louise (pro per – Petitioner) Atty Souza, Joe Cameron (pro per – Petitioner) **Atty** Souza, John Anthony (pro per – Petitioner) Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property (Prob. C. 13151) DOD: 11/17/11 **NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:** JOE CAMERON SOUZA, Jr., JOHN ANTHONY SOUZA, CONTINUED FROM 09/10/13 CHESTER MICHAEL SOUZA, As of 10/24/13, nothing further has been filed and the following notes remain: **BOBBY LEROY SOUZA.** The Petition is not marked at item 9(a) or 10 (if VIRGINIA OCHINERO, CARL applicable) concerning the persons who Cont. from 091013 WAYNE SOUZA, and MARILYN survived the decedent. Aff.Sub.Wit. **LOUISE BROWN**, (relationships 2. The Petition is missing attachment 11 which is to state the legal description of the property not stated), are Petitioners. Verified seeking to be passed and stating the Inventory decedent's interest (100% - 50%, etc.) in the 40 days since DOD. property. PTC 3. The Petition states at item 13 that John Anthony Not.Cred. No other proceedings. Souza and Chester Michael Souza will purchase the property and the sale proceeds will be Notice of Х distributed equally to all 7 children. However, Hrg 1 & A \$80,000.00 Attachment 13 is to state the specific property Aff.Mail Х interest claimed by each petitioner in the real Decedent died intestate. property. Petitioner does not state the Aff.Pub. relationship of each Petitioner to the decedent Sp.Ntc. and does not state the interest in the property Petitioners request Court claimed by each petitioner (undivided 1/7 Pers.Serv. determination that interest, etc.) Need clarification. Conf. Decedent's interest in real 4. The Petition is missing attachment 14 which is to Screen property located at 6533 N. state the names, relationships to decedent, College, Fresno pass to them ages, and residence or mailing addresses of all Letters persons named or checked in items 1, 9, and pursuant to intestate Duties/Supp 10, and all other heirs of the decedent. succession. 5. The Petition is not marked at item 17 re: **Objections** Decedent's estate was under a Video guardianship/conservatorship at decedent's Receipt death. 6. Need Notice of Hearing. **CI Report** 7. Need proof of service by mail at least 15 days 9202 before the hearing on all interested parties (any person who should be named in Order attachment 14). 8. The Order submitted is incomplete and does not state the legal description at item 9(a) and does not state each petitioner's name and specific property interest at 9(b). Reviewed by: JF Aff. Posting **Reviewed on:** 10/24/13 Status Rpt

Updates:

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Carla Luna, Devon Murphy, Jr., Jeremiah Murphy, Case No. 13CEPRO and Nehemiah Murphy (GUARD/P)

Quintana, Benito, Jr., and Jennie P. (Pro Per – Maternal Grandparents – Petitioners)

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510)

Carla age: 11	TEMP EXPIRES 10-29-13	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
Devon age: 9	BENITO and JENNIE QUINTANA , maternal grandparents, are petitioners.	If notice is not dispensed, need service of notice of
Jeremaiah age: 7 Nehemiah age: 5	Father (Carla): JUAN CARLOS LUNA – personally served 9-19-13	hearing with copy of petition on paternal grandfather of Carla per Probate Code §1511.
Aff.Sub.Wit. Verified Inventory PTC Not.Cred. Volice of	Father: (Devon, Jeremaiah & Nehamiah): DEVON DUSHON MURPHY – personally served 10-9-13 Mother: ANITA MARIE QUINTANA – consents and waives notice. Paternal grandfather (Carla): Unknown –	Trobule Code §1311.
Hrg Aff.Mail Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen Letters	Declaration of Due Diligence filed 9-10-13 Paternal grandmother (Carla): Irma Morales Paternal grandfather (Devon, Jeremaiah & Nehamiah): George Murphy – served by mail 9-10-13 Paternal grandmother (Devon, Jeremaiah & Nehamiah): Evette Murphy – served by mail	
Video Receipt CI Report Clearances Order Aff. Posting Status Rpt UCCJEA	Petitioners state Devon Dushon Murphy's (father) date of release is 9/17/2013. He wrote a letter to the children's mother stating he and she should be raising their children. Therefore, they are afraid that upon his release he will try to take the children. The father was very abusive and controlling. He has abuse the children verbally and emotionally and they are afraid of him. Attached to the petition is	Reviewed by: skc Reviewed on: 10-24-13 Updates:
Citation FTB Notice	Team Decision Meeting (TDM) notes from DSS dated 9/14/12 stating allegations of sexual abuse, substance abuse by the parents, domestic violence and home conditions. The TDM indicates it was agreed that the children would remain with the grandparents and the grandparents would petition for guardianship. Also attached to the Petition is a copy of a protective order restraining Devon (father) from contact with Anita (mother) until 9/14/15.	Recommendation: File 17 – Luna & Murphy
	Court Investigator Julie Negrete filed a report on 10-18-13.	

1A The Cenci Family Trust (Trust) Case No. 10CEPR00244

Denning, Stephen M. (for Richard G. Cenci – Petitioner) Atty

Sullivan, Robert L (for Bruce D. Bickel – Trustee) Atty

Tekunoff, Daniel J. (for Maike Cenci, Spouse of Respondent Herman Cenci) Atty

Motsenbocker, Gary L (for Terese Cenci McGee) Atty

Amended Petition to Enforce Judgment Against Trust Beneficiaries [Prob. C. 17000,

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		NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:	
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		Continued from 9-9-13	
Cont. from 090913			
Aff.Sub.Wit.		Note: Examiner Notes are not provided	
Verified		for this matter; however, the following	
Inventory		history is provided:	
PTC		Minute Order 6-25-13 (hearing on	
Not.Cred.		Richard G. Cenci's original petition): No	
Notice of		distribution until Further order of Court.	
Hrg		Mr. Sullivan clarifies a clerical error in	
Aff.Mail		objection filed. He referenced PC 15306	
Aff.Pub.		and it should be referenced to PC	
Sp.Ntc.		15306.5. All objections and any	
Pers.Serv.		additional pleadings need to be filed by 8/19/13. Mr. Sullivan will file	
Conf.		accounting by 7/25/13 and will be set	
Screen		on 9/9/13 @ 10am. Accounting and this	
Letters		Petition to be heard together.	
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Atty Atty

Denning, Stephen M. (for Richard G. Cenci – Petitioner)

Tekunoff, Daniel J. (Attorneys for Specially Appearing Maike Cenci, Spouse of Respondent Herman Cenci)

Notice of Motion and Motion for Earnings Withholding Order on Spouse's

Community Property Wages RICHARD G. CENCI. Trustee of the Herman R. Cenci NEEDS/PROBLEMS/ COMMENTS: Family (Bypass) Trust, is Petitioner and Judgment Creditor. Petitioner states Defendant Herman Francis Cenci and Note: This matter Maike Cenci were married at the time of the judgment; will be heard at Cont. from 062513, therefore, Maike Cenci is also liable for this debt. 090913 10am Although there is no decided case under California Law, Aff.Sub.Wit. every treatise and commentary on the Enforcement of Continued from Judaments Law (EJL) [cites provided] concur: Verified 9-9-13 Community property is liable for the judgment, and the Inventory wages of the non-debtor spouse are reached by this **Note: Examiner Notes** PTC same noticed motion procedure. The earnings of both are not updated for Not.Cred. spouses during marriage are community property. this matter. Notice of Petitioner states it is important to keep in mind what is Hrg actually being sought by a motion for court order for an Aff.Mail W earnings withholding order on the wages of a nondebtor spouse. The aim is not to make the spouse a Aff.Pub. judgment debtor; the aim is to apply a particular form of Sp.Ntc. community property to the judgment. Pers.Serv. Petitioner and Attorney Denning cite and discuss various Conf. authority for this motion. See Memorandum and Screen Declaration in Support. **Letters** Declaration of Maike Cenci in Opposition to Motion for Duties/Supp Earnings Withholding Order on Spouse's Community **Objections** Property Wages; and Memorandum of Points and Video Authority in Opposition to Motion for Earnings Receipt Withholding Order on Spouse's Community Property CI Report Wages were filed 6-24-13 by Maike Cenci. 9202 Maike Cenci states the address on Bay View Drive in Order Manhattan Beach, CA, has not been her or her Aff. Posting Reviewed by: skc husband's address since Feb. 2010. A PO Box in Manhattan Beach is provided as a mailing address, and Status Rpt Reviewed on: 10-24-Mrs. Cenci states that some relatives have been aware 13 that they moved and had a new mailing address. **UCCJEA** Updates: Citation Recommendation: Maike Cenci states it is her understanding that papers FTB Notice have been filed with the Court seeking to withhold her File 1B - Cenci wages. She never received service of such papers. In mid-June, her sister-in-law Teres Ann Cenci McGee. forwarded her a copy of the motion, but it was blank where the hearing date should be. She has never been provided with any other documents in this legal proceeding. Because she has not had enough time to prepare for hearing and has not received proper notice and service, Mrs. Cenci asks the Court to deny the motion and require the paperwork to be properly served and noticed. See Memorandum of Points and Authorities.

The Cenci Family Trust (Trust)

Sullivan, Robert L. (for Bruce D. Bickel – Trustee)

First and Final Account and Report of Trustee and Petition for Its Settlement;

Petition for Instructions Regarding Final Distribution of the Trust Estate [Prob. C. 17200 & 16062]

Esther Cenci DOD: 8-31-11 Cont. from 090913 Aff.Sub.Wit. Verified Inventory PTC Not.Cred.	3	BRUCE D. BICKEL, Successor Trustee of the Cenci Family Trust of 1992 Survivor's Trust, is Petitioner. Account period: 9-16-10 through 6-30-13 Accounting: \$645,510.55 Beginning POH: \$541,676.00 Ending POH: \$305,266.37 (per Supplement) (Property on hand at end of account period includes \$111,351.60 cash, 1931 Packard 840 Deluxe Convertible Coupe valued at \$208,300.00, and various furniture, furnishings	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS: Note: This matter will be heard at 10am Continued from 9-9-13 Note: Bruce Bickel was appointed by Esther Cenci as sole Trustee of the Survivor's Trust by the 6-24-10 amendment to the Survivor's Trust; however, he did not take possession of assets until
Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen Letters Duties/Supp Objections Video Receipt CI Report 9202	w/o	and personal effects, which is not appraised.) Petitioner states that pursuant to the Trust Instrument, after several enumerated pecuniary bequests, the residue of the Survivor's Trust is distributable to Esther Ceni's four surviving children in equal shares. However, the Trust provides that Herman Francis Cenci's share should be reduced by \$12,000, and the interest of Terese Ann Cenci McGee is subject to a \$50,000 charge levied by Judge Donald S. Black in his opinion dated 5-23-12. Petitioner requests instruction with respect to the personal property held in the Trust Estate as follows: a) Because of the contentious history among beneficiaries, the Trustee does not believe that the 1931 Packard should be	Note: Herman F. Cenci's Objection to Petition for Instructions Regarding Final Distribution of Trust filed 10-15- 13 states that the language in the clause authorizing trustee discretion in distribution of personal property should allow the trustee to get beyond the "contentious" family history and asks that the Court not allow sale of personal effects and other items sentimental to the faily without a first opportunity for the family to keep such items. Objection provides examples of ways to share, such as scanning family photographs.
Aff. Posting Status Rpt UCCJEA Citation FTB Notice		that the 1931 Packard should be distributed in kind making them tenants in common. The Trustee respectfully submits that it would be more prudent to sell it and distribute the cash to the beneficiaries; b) The Trustee also respectfully submits that it would be more prudent to sell the tangible personal property of the Trust Estate at an estate sale and distribute the cash to the beneficiaries. Petitioner also requests instruction from the Court regarding distribution of the Trust Estate after payment of the specific cash bequests from the Survivor's Trust: SEE ADDITIONAL PAGES	Herman Cenci asks the trustee to consider some procedure whereby the family would have first choice of the personal effects. Reviewed by: skc Reviewed on: 10-24-13 Updates: Recommendation: File 1C - Cenci
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Petitioner also requests instruction from the Court regarding distribution of the Trust Estate after payment of the specific cash bequests from the Survivor's Trust:

a) A judgment has been entered against two beneficiaries, Terese Ann Cenci McGee and Herman Francis Cenci, in a separate matter 10CEPR00244. In this matter, Richard Cenci asserted claims against them for financial elder abuse and breach of fiduciary duty and sought damages. After trial, a judgment was entered against Terese Ann Cenci McGee and Herman Francis Cenci in this matter for \$438,600 to the Bypass Trust and \$236,687.40 to the Survivor's Trust. Judge Black also charged the amount of \$50,000 against Terese Ann Cenci McGee's interest in the Survivor's Trust.

Richard Cenci filed a petition on 5-8-13 to enforce judgment against the beneficiaries, which requests to have their entire shares paid to Richard Cenci in satisfaction of the judgment. The Trustee objected to the petition on 6-20-13, alleging that the trust is not in a position to be presently distributed, correcting the purported list of subtrust assets alleged in the petition, and pointing out that the amounts sought were excessive and recovery was limited by California law and the Trust Instrument's spendthrift provision.

[Examiner's Note: Page 2A of this calendar is Richard Cenci's <u>Amended</u> Petition.]

Petitioner seeks instruction regarding whether he can hold the distributive shares of Terese Ann Cenci McGee and Herman Francis Cenci in trust pursuant to the instructions contained in the spendthrift clause of the Trust. Clause and discussion provided.

b) Trustee seeks instruction from the Court as to how to treat the charge of \$50,000 against Terese Ann Cenci McGee's interest in the Survivor's Trust. Pursuant to Judge Black's opinion, it would appear that the charge should be applied in reduction of her distributive share and become part of the residue of the Trust Estate. Since she has a right to distribution of one-fourth of the residue, she would therefore be entitled to one-fourth of the charge. The Trustee respectfully requests instructions on how this charge is to be treated in connection with the final distribution.

Petitioner prays for an order:

- 1. Settling, allowing, and approving the Trustee's First and Final Account as filed;
- 2. Determining that all acts and transactions of the Trustee relating to matters reflected in the First and Final Account and Report are ratified, confirmed and approved;
- 3. Instructing the Trustee whether he should sell the Packard automobile and distribute the cash proceeds to the beneficiaries;
- 4. Instructing the Trustee whether he should sell the tangible personal property in the Trust Estate and distribute the cash proceeds to the beneficiaries;
- 5. Instructing the Trustee whether he should hold the distributive shares of Terese Ann Cenci McGee and Herman Francis Cenci further in trust pursuant to the spendthrift clause of the Trust Instrument (notwithstanding the entry of the judgment rendered against Terese Ann Cenci McGee \$286,687.40 and Herman Francis Cenci \$438,600.00);
- 6. Instructing the Trustee how to apply the \$50,000 charge against Terese Ann Cenci McGee in connection with the Trust Estate; and
- 7. Granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.

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A Supplemental Account and Report of Trustee was filed 9-5-13. Trustee Bruce Bickel states that since the date of the accounting, he has made five additional disbursements set forth on Exhibit A and the new Property on Hand is stated in Exhibit B. This augments Schedule F of the Accounting to add the promissory note listed as Item 1 of Schedule A to the Accounting. This item is a promissory note originally executed by Paul D. Willingham in favor of the trust in the original principal sum of \$92,500 dated 4-30-92, secured by a short form deed of trust and assignment of rents dated 6-1-07 and recorded 6-22-07.

The promissory note and the 2007 Deed of Trust became assets of the trust prior to the trustee's appointment as trustee. The trustee has been unable to locate the promissory note, but has been able to locate a Modification of Promissory Note dated 2-20-09 between **Terese Cenci McGee as Trustee of the Cenci Family Trust** and **Jebian Construction, Inc.** This document recites the history of the promissory note. See Exhibits C and D.

As set forth in the Modification of Promissory Note, the parties agreed that as of 2-20-09 the note had an unpaid principal balance of \$122,500. The Modification of Promissory Note contains the newly agreed provisions for payment and the promise of **Antonio Jebian** (the then current payor of the note) to personally guarantee the note.

On 2-17-09, Terese M. Cenci McGee as trustee executed the Subordination Agreement subordinating the promissory note to a \$120,000 construction loan made by **Mid-Valley Services**, **Inc.** Exhibit E.

The real property which is the subject of the 2007 Deed of Trust was foreclosed upon by tow Trustee's Deeds Upon Sale (Exhibits F and G).

Based upon the facts which the trustee has been able to determine, the trustee is informed, believs, and therefore alleges that:

- a) The remaining unpaid balance of the promissory note is \$122,500 plus interest accrued thereon since 2-20-09;
- b) The promissory note was acquired by the Trust as payment (or partial payment) for the sale by the trust to Paul D. Willingham of the certain parcels of real property (description provided).

As such, the promissory note is a purchase money note secured by a deed of trust which is entitled to protection of Civil Code §580b. When the deed of trust securing the promissory note was subordinated, it appears that the bar of §580b ceases to apply. Authority cited.

As a result, the trust presently holds an unsecured promissory note in the principal sum of \$122,500 plus interest accrued since 1-20-09 and under the Subordination Agreement, **Jebian Construction**, **Inc.**, has agreed to guarantee payment of the note (although no written guarantee has been located by the trustee).

Because of the uncertain nature of the promissory note and its legal and procedural history, the trustee, not wanting to make any representations as to the true value or its collectability, has valued it at zero for purposes of this accounting.

The trustee proposes to distribute the promissory note "as is" to the four beneficiaries, each as to an undivided 25% interest. Accordingly, the Trustee hereby supplements the Petition for Instructions and request that the Court instruct the Trustee to distribute the promissory note as set forth above without any warranty or representation as to the value or its collectability.

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Case No. 10CEPR00244

Atty Motsenbocker, Gary L (for Terese Cenci McGee – Petitioner)
Atty Denning, Stephen M. (for Richard G. Cenci – Objector)

Petition Requesting Accounting by Trustee of the Cenci Bypass Trust [Prob. C. 16060, 16061, 16062; Evid. C. 452 & 453]

		TERES CENCI MCGEE is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		Petitioner requests that RICHARD G. CENCI , Trustee Of the CENCI FAMILY BYPASS TRUST , render an account of his acts and actions of said trust. Petitioner states:	Note: This matter will be heard at 10am
	Aff.Sub.Wit. Verified Inventory	 She is the daughter of the Settlors Herman R. Cenci and Esther C. Cenci and is therefore an interested person. 	
	PTC Not.Cred. Notice of Hrg	2. Richard Cenci, Successor Trustee of the Cenci Family Bypass Trust, has served in that capacity since fall 2010 and has not rendered an account and report in the intervening three years.	
	Aff.Mail Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen	3. Petitioner requests the Court take judicial notice of all pleadings and proceedings contained in the court record, including but not limited to the multiple and various copies of the Trustors' initial trust and the amendments thereto pursuant to Eid. C. §452.	
>	Letters Duties/Supp Objections	4. In accord with the provisions of the first amendment to the trust dated 2-18-04, Petitioner requested an account in writing,	
	Video Receipt CI Report	which was hand delivered to the trustee's attorney on or about 5-8-13. To date, Petitioner has not received acknowledgment of the request or the mandated account in	
	9202 Order Aff. Posting Status Rpt	response. Petitioner is entitled to and the trustee is duty bound to render an accounting within 90 days of receipt of written request. As of the filing of this petition, the trustee has	Reviewed by: skc Reviewed on: 10-24-13
	UCCJEA Citation	refused to render account or respond. Petitioner request that the Court order that:	Updates: Recommendation:
	FTB Notice	 Richard G. Cenci be ordered to render an accounting within 90 days of this hearing; For such attorney fees allowed under the law; For costs of suit incurred herein; and For all other proper relief the Court deems proper under the circumstances. 	File 1D - Cenci
		Richard G. Cenci filed his Opposition on 10-24-13. See additional pages.	

1D The Cenci Family Trust (Trust)

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Richard G. Cenci states the petition should be denied for the following reasons:

1. Petitioner is not a beneficiary to whom income or principal is required or authorized to be currently distributed, and Respondent is not required to account to her. Probate Code §16062.

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- 2. Petitioner did not bring her petition pursuant to §17200(b)(7). Esslinger v. Cummins, supra, at page 526.
- 3. Because Petitioner owes the family trust more than she would reasonably be expected to receive on distribution from it, Petitioner has no relevant interest in the family trust.
- 4. The probate court has discretion to grant or deny a petition for an order compelling a trustee to account. Because Petitioner committed elder financial abuse and breached her fiduciary duty to her mother that resulted in a significant loss to her, Petitioner has no right to an accounting of the family trust, and because of her actions has no interest in the family trust to protect.

See Opposition for details.

Fred Erwin Davis (Estate)

Case No. 10CEPR00810

Dias, Michael A. (for Lynette Lucille Duston and Warren Leslie Davis – Son – Petitioner)

Farley, Michael L., and Sullivan, Robert L., Jr., (for Mary M. Davis – Executor)

Second Amended Petition for: (1) Removal of Mary M. Davis as Executor of the Estate; (2) Compelling Account and Report of Administration of Estate; (3) Appointment of Lynette Lucille Duston and Warren Leslie Davis as Successor Co-Executors of Estate. [Probate Code §§8420, 8421, 8500, 8501, 8502, 8800, 8804, 10950, 12200, 12204, and 12205]

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LYNETTE LUCILLE DUSTON and WARREN LESLIE DAVIS, Daughter and Son of the Decedent, are Petitioners.

On 10-18-10, Decedent's Will dated 12-7-04 was admitted to probate and **MARY M. DAVIS**, Surviving Spouse, was appointed Executor with Full IAEA without bond on 10-18-10. Letters issued on 10-19-10.

Petitioners state more than 18 months have elapsed since Letters were issued and Mary has neither filed an account nor report of status of administration. Petitioners object to the continuation of Mary as the personal representative and seek to remove her as executor for the following reasons:

 §8502(c). Mary has wrongfully neglected the estate, or has long neglected to perform any act as personal representative.

On 3-17-11, a substitution of attorney was filed in the proceeding. From that date until the original petition for removal was filed on 6-26-12, there had been no court action taken in this matter. Since then, the only action taken was to file another substitution of attorney and oppose the petition for removal.

- §8804(b). Mary has failed to file an inventory and appraisal within the prescribed time.
- §12200. Mary has failed to render a report of the status of the administration.
- §8502(a). Mary has wasted, embezzled, mismanaged, and committed a fraud on the estate. Mary has, interalia, admitted during a deposition that she had liquidated assets of the Decedent's estate which were specific bequests to one of the Petitioners to pay for her attorneys' fees and costs in her two civil actions against Petitioners.
- §8502(b). Mary is incapable of properly executing the duties of her office, or is otherwise not qualified for appointment as personal representative. Mary is 86 years old and has made claims for elder abuse in a lawsuit she filed against one of the Petitioners and has made representations that she is susceptible to undue influence.

Petitioners cite authority in addition to the statutory references above regarding the Court's power to remove a personal representative for other cause, for example, adverse interest or hostile acts, and state removal of Mary as executor is necessary to protect the Decedent's estate and its heirs.

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NEEDS/PROBLEMS/ COMMENTS:

Continued from

- 1-22-13
- 3-8-13
- 5-10-13
- 6-28-13
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Note: Page 1B is Mary M. Davis' First and Final Account and Report of Executor and Petition For Its Settlement; For Allowance of Ordinary Executor Commissions, Ordinary and Extraordinary Attorneys' Fees and For Final Distribution filed 6-14-13.

Note: This matter is also set for Settlement Conference (Examiner Notes not prepared for Settlement Conference).

Reviewed by: skc

Reviewed on: 10-24-13

Updates:

Recommendation:

File 1A - Davis

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Petitioners state it is also proper for this Court to order Mary to account which shall include both a financial statement and report of administration of the estate, and specifically show the condition of the estate. Furthermore, it is proper for the Court to reduce compensation of Mary and her attorneys by an appropriate amount.

Petitioners state they are entitled to appointment as personal representatives of the estate because they were nominated as successor co-executors in the event Mary shall for any reason fail to qualify or cease to act as executor.

It is hereby requested that this Court appoint Petitioners as successor co-executors to serve without bond and with full IAEA.

Petitioners pray as follows:

- 1. That citation issue to Mary M. Davis to show cause why she should not be removed as personal representative;
- 2. The Court forthwith suspend the powers of Mary M. Davis as personal representative and revoke the Letters issued 10-18-10;
- 3. For an order to appoint Petitioners as personal representatives with Full IAEA without bond;
- 4. For an order that Mary M. Davis file an account of the administration in accordance with Probate Code §10900 and specify a reasonable time within which the account must be filed, which Petitioners suagest should be no later than 60 days from the date of her removal;
- 5. For an order that Mary M. Davis surrender all property in her possession belonging to the estate of the Decedent to the duly appointed and qualified successor co-executors:
- 6. For attorney's fees and costs of suit incurred herein; and
- 7. For such other orders and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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Mary M. Davis' Fourth Report of Status of Administration of Estate filed 5-6-13 states: The Final I&A was filed concurrently with this status report. Executor has retained Robert L. Sullivan of McCormick Barstow to associate in as co-counsel with Farley Law Firm to assist with the filing and account and any final matters to close the estate.

Since the last status hearing, two new issues requiring the Court's assistance have emerged:

1. **Deposition:** In the recently settled partnership litigation against Executor, Executor was subjected to a grueling deposition by Petitioners' counsel, Dias Law Firm. As such, the anticipation of another deposition has been the source of anxiety and stress to the Executor.

Although Executor and counsel do not contest Petitioners' right to depose Executor, in an effort to shield Executor from improper and unnecessary stress and inquiries, counsel has sought to narrow the parameters of the deposition, without success. Correspondence attached.

Contrary to Petitioners' assertions that Executor is seeking to avoid her deposition, Executor seeks to narrow the scope of her deposition to disallow Peittioners' fishing expedition and inquiries that are irrelevant and premature. The Executor's deposition after the filing of an account and report, barring inquiries into incompetency and those matters better directed to the accountant, would serve to effectuate a more orderly, productive, and cost effective deposition. Executor respectfully requests the Court's determination accordingly.

2. **Antiques:** I&A Partial #2 filed 2-13-13 includes Decedent's one-half community property interest in an antique table and chair and other furniture, furnishings and personal effects for a total of \$15,000 (\$7,500 to Decedent's interest). Petitioner contend that the I&A does not adequately describe and account for these items. After correspondence, and although Executor believes the I&A adequately includes these items, Executor is in the process of retaining the services of an appraiser to inventory and appraise the antiques, which is expected the last week of June 2013. Therefore, until the Supplemental I&A can be submitted to the Probate Referee and appraisal is complete, a final account cannot be filed.

Executor therefore respectfully states that good cause exists to:

- 1) Extend the time to file an account to a date after receipt of the Supplemental I&A;
- 2) Disallow inquiries at Executor's deposition regarding, seeking to determine, and otherwise addressing, mentioning, or referring to the Executor's competency, pending further order of the Court;
- 3) Disallow inquiries regarding the legal services rendered to the Executor pending further order of the Court; and
- 4) The Executor's deposition is to be scheduled to a date after the filing of the account and report in this matter.

<u>UPDATE</u>: Page 1B is Mary M. Davis' Amended First and Final Account. Also on calendar is continued Settlement Conference. Examiner Notes are not provided for Settlement Conference.

Fred Erwin Davis (Estate)

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Case No. 10CEPR00810

Farley, Michael L., and Sullivan, Robert L., Jr., (for Mary M. Davis – Executor – Petitioner)

Dias, Michael A. (for Lynette Lucille Duston and Warren Leslie Davis – Contestants)

Amended First and Final Account and Report of Executor and Amendment to Petition for its

Settlement, for Allowance of Ordinary Executor Commissions, Ordinary and Extraordinary

Attorneys' Fees and for Final Distribution

DOD: 7-9-10	MARY M. DAVIS, Surviving Spouse and Executor with Full IAEA without bond, is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/ COMMENTS:
Cont from 100112	Account period: 7-10-10 through 6-30-13 Accounting: \$2,030,762.03	SEE ADDITIONAL PAGES
Cont. from 100113 Aff.Sub.Wit.	Beginning POH: \$1,909,404.65	
	Ending POH: \$1,909,287.65 consisting of:	
✓ Verified	 Decedent's 33.33% partnership interest in Whitney Oaks Dairy, 	
✓ Inventory ✓ PTC	 Decedent's 50% community property interest in various 	
110	real and personal property,	
Noi.Crea.	 cash in the amount of \$3,258.90 	
Honce of fing	Unsecured Self-cancelling Installment Note to Fred and	
All./Non	Mary Davis by Whitney Oaks Dairy (Decedent's 50%	
Aff.Pub.	valued at \$808,496.50)	
Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv.	POH Fair Market Value is \$1,557,629.65	
Conf. Screen	Liability: \$84,110.61 owing by the estate to Petitioner Mary	
Letters	M. Davis allocable to the estate with reference to the two	
Duties/Supp	litigated civil actions plus the ongoing petition to remove	
Objections	her as Executor filed by Lynette Duston and Warren Davis in	
Video	this probate estate.	
Receipt	Petitioner states the original petition reports advances of	
CI Report	\$96,644.34 made by the Executor to the estate for	
∀ 9202	attorneys' fees in the two separate litigations involving	
Order X	family members. It has since been discovered that the	
Aff. Posting	information provided to report amounts paid to Dowling	Reviewed by: skc
Status Rpt	Aaron was incorrect. Accordingly, Petitioner requests the Court's confirmation and approval of \$84,110.61 instead of	Reviewed on: 10-24-13
UCCJEA	\$96,644.34.	Updates:
Citation	1	Recommendation:
✓ FTB Notice	Executor (Statutory): \$32,466.51 Attorney Robert Gin (Statutory): \$2,532.65 Attorneys Michael Farley and Robert L. Sullivan, Jr. (Statutory): \$29,933.86	File 1C – Davis
	Petitioner states that in light of the modifications to the I&A (Partial No. 2 – Corrected – Supplemental) the statutory executor commissions and attorneys' fees have been recalculated.	
	Attorneys (Extraordinary): The original petition requested authority to pay \$5,412.00 to McCormick Barstow as reasonable compensation for extraordinary legal services rendered in the administration of the estate. Petitioner states that since the date of the original petition, additional extraordinary legal services have been rendered. A separate declaration will be filed.	
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Petitioner states: In response to the objections to the original account, the following modifications have been made:

- The accounting is updated through 7-30-13
- Receipts include a reimbursement to the estate of \$237.70, which represents the estate's portion of the monthly insurance premium paid after the date of the final performance of the settlement in the Cayucos litigation (12-4-12) through the end date of the original account (5-15-13)
- Schedule A-1 Advances to Estate by Executor has been amended as follows:
 - to reflect actual fees and costs incurred with Dowling Aaron in the Cayucos litigation and advanced by Mary on behalf of the estate;
 - The classification of payment to McCormick Barstow of \$2,100 has been modified to show the disbursement as being related to the estate's trust and partnership consultation;
 - Declaration of Michael L. Farley in support of request for extraordinary fees is filed;
 - Schedule A-1 is amended to include additional advances made by the Executor for costs of administration;

Note: Declaration of Michael L. Farley indicates fees of \$19,747.25 in connection with the Cayucos litigation and \$48,787.13 in connection with the petition to remove the executor.

- Disbursements now excludes a charge to the estate for insurance premiums to Cayucos property after 12-4-12;
- POH has been amended to include the estate's interest in additional furniture, furnishings and antiques, and the self-cancelling installment note, as described.

Petitioner prays for the relief prayed for in the original petition, as modified by the foregoing.

Note: Petitioner also filed Supplement to Reply to Objection on 9-11-13, which refers to Objections filed 7-8-13 in connection with the original accounting petition. However, pursuant to #1 below, that petition, including the objections thereto, are not currently before the Court, as this amended petition replaces and supersedes that petition. Therefore, Examiner has not reviewed this document. See file.

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

- 1. Need clarification: This petition was filed as an amended petition, which replaces and supersedes the original. Therefore, reference to the original petition, which is no longer before the Court, is not appropriate. The Court may require clarification of the prayer and proposed distribution, or may require complete amendment.
- 2. Declaration of Michael L. Farley in support of extraordinary fees and costs does not appear to comply with applicable law, which requires itemization. The Court may require clarification.
- 3. Need proposed order. See Local Rules.

<u>Note</u>: Examiner Notes from the hearing on the original petition on 7-29-13 were provided to the judge for reference. The original petition was filed 6-14-13 and is located in the "A" volume of the case file. (At this point, there are three volumes on 10CEPR00810: Main, A, and B.)